

LOWICK NEWS



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Conserving Coniston & Crake



There has been lots going on over we've had volunteers helping on all kinds of activities and brilliant support from the community.

Highlights The final phase of work on the farm constructed wetland was finished off with the installation of concrete solar-powered drinking troughs (and back up supply solutions) and volunteers planting 500 reed plug plants. This work will lead to a reduction in sediment and nutrient inputs into the River Crake and whilst monitoring will continue for another few weeks recent tests already show that this is working.

Penny Bridge Academy's Eco Group are now taking part in the nationwide monitoring programme run by the Riverfly Partnership. The children carry out kick sampling then record numbers and species of certain freshwater invertebrates found to help build up a picture of the health of our becks and rivers.

Recently trained volunteers are also carrying out basic surveys of buffer strips that have been created through fencing projects, to record plant and invertebrate species.

Family Activity Day 31st July 10am – 3pm.
Free, drop-in... Join the Conserving Coniston & Crake team and the National Trust for a day of fun freshwater activities on the edge of Coniston water at Hoathwaite Campsite. Get arty with crafts, skim stones and look for minibeasts in the beck. It's also International Year of the Salmon so make a willow fish & play the Salmon Run game. Limited parking but you can walk along the shore to the site.

We have lots of opportunities coming up to get involved from coppicing work to reedbed restoration. Look on our website for more details. We'll also be at the summer shows so drop in and say hello.
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“CALLING ALL LOWICK GREEN ALLOTMENTEERS!

National Allotments Week started in 2002 as a way of raising awareness of allotments and the role they play in helping people live healthier lifestyles, grow their own food, develop friendships and bolster communities. This year, the campaign theme is “Shared Harvest” and will run from the 12th - 18th of August. The allotments on the Green are a fantastic resource for our local community and an open day would provide a great opportunity to invite young and old to see and experience what happens down on the plots. If you think you would like to contribute to developing ideas for an open day to promote and preserve the many benefits of allotments then please contact: Sue Hotchkiss on 01229 885485”

Southern Boundary Partnership, Community Conversations Event.

Friends of the Lake District have submitted a formal request to extend the southern boundary of the Lake District National Park to Natural England (NE) for its consideration. The extension being proposed incorporates the area between Silecroft and Grange-over-Sands to include the Furness and Cartmel peninsulas and the majestic estuaries of the Duddon, Leven and Kent rivers. The local communities have long been aware of the quality of the landscape of this area and its close relationship and resemblance to the landscape character, geology, cultural history and wildlife of the adjacent National Park.

The recent expansion to the Lake District's eastern boundary in 2016 and the award of World Heritage Status to the National Park in 2017 provided further impetus to parish councils to act on behalf of their communities and to resolve what many felt to be the 'unfinished business' of the establishment of National Parks 70 years ago. This work has been ongoing amongst a substantial number of Parish Councils since 2018 as the 'Southern Boundary Partnership' (SBP) in partnership with the landscape charity Friends of the Lake District, an organisation that was instrumental in the extension to the eastern fringes of the National Park in 2016, and with unique expertise in the protection and enhancement of Lake District and Cumbrian landscapes.

Following its research findings, and with the support of the SBP, Friends of the Lake District has authored and submitted a proposal to Natural England stating that a strong and urgent case can be made for a further boundary extension to the Lake District National Park.

A Drop in Event will be run on the evening of the 3rd July 2019 at Lowick Community Hall from 17:30-20:30 to:

Allow local residents to study material in particular the maps of the proposed border and Councillor's concerns discussed whilst creating the recommendations.

Specialists from the Friends of the Lake District and the Lake District National Park will be on hand to answer questions.

All unanswered questions captured or placed on boards or walls (by topic) by residents will be considered after the events.

This should be a very interesting event please come. Your councillors will be available to listen to your opinions and experiences so they can represent you better in future meetings.

The X12 continues to need Funds, specially during July/ August as no School Contracts cash is coming in. Anyone down the Valley who can hold a Coffee Morning or event to help would be appreciated. Please use the bus even if just once or twice a month, even Car Owners. Fundraising events and riding the bus create wonderful contact for isolated people living alone.

SLDC currently due to new legislation are having a Big Push on Private Water Supply testing especially where water is offered to customers/ cottages/ BB etc. visitors are more at risk as they have not built up immunity like regular users. A guide is available from SLDC. Some recent spending at SLDC includes £48k at Glebe in Bowness, £145k at Nobles Rest Gardens in Kendal, Proposed £5mill converting Kendal Town Hall and proposed £6mill towards rebuild at Ulverston Baths. Second and Holiday Homes ownership seem to be widening and can have devastating effect on Communities so news of the longstanding Lakeland Trust I am a Trustee of recently having bequests of seven separate Homes to rent out to young locals on low wages is a very satisfying voluntary post and brings young people back to those villages.

I enjoy very much keeping in touch with Members of Lowick Parish Council and can be contacted re any other problems.

Anne Hall MBE- SLDC Councillor

Public Inquiry regarding The Kirkby Moor Wind Farm.

Unfortunately, the decision regarding the Public Inquiry into the Kirkby Moor Windfarm time extension has been delayed. The weather conditions at the time of the inquiry meant it was not possible for the Inspector to obtain long distance views from high vantage points in the Lake District drawn to his attention by the parties, and so it has been his intention to return to the area to complete his visits. He announced this at the close of the Inquiry. He attempted this on 16th April and spent much of the 24th April in the area as well before rain obscured his views. He will therefore need to return to the area, but this must fit in with his other commitments. While he had intended that his return visits would have been completed so that his decision could be issued by 21st May this has not been possible. Therefore the planning Inspectorate says the decision date is to be confirmed and will update the programme with the decision date as soon as the Inspector has completed his visits.

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Lowick Young Farmers

Hello! Just a quick update from Lowick Young Farmers. We've had a busy couple of months with the annual Southern District field day held this year at Sedbergh, our AGM and Lowick Fest along with various club meetings and outings along the way! Field day was held on May 11th and was a great chance for our members to showcase their different skills from baking to stock judging and flower arranging to cross country running. It was a great day out for everyone with Lowick coming 4th overall! It was then onto the clubs 64th AGM and a chance to celebrate another great year; a special thanks must go to Jonathon Philipson who stepped down from his role as club chair. Finally to Lowick Fest, which was held for the second time this year, a lot of time and hard work went into the making the night a great success. Thanks must go to all the members who made it happen and to the Longmire family for hosting the event.

If anyone would like any more information please get in touch, we have an action packed fun filled year ahead and welcome new members to all our meetings!

Esther Lambert- Lowick YFC Club Chair

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Lowick Green Management Group

The Green is looking good and there is a fine show of flowers in the wild areas. We have had some bluebells this year and a large spread of campions and iris are now in flower.

The rutted area in front of Cosy/Green/Rose cottages has been repaired using Hardcore from Burlington, many thanks to Ben Thompson who did a good job with his digger and to Bill Thompson for lending us his plate vibrator to compact the finished job. The area in front of Hopefield cottages will be completed later in the year.

Some paths have been cut to enable better access to the wild areas. The well has been cleaned out and is still running freely. Another path linking the well and the rest of the paths will be cut when the weather allows.



Richard Ellwood

Lowick Show

This years show will be held on the 7th Sept, so save the date! Schedules are now online, deadline for entries is 16th Aug.



Lengthmans Log Archie has been busy cleaning 15 road signs, strimming and clearing the ivy from our 'Lowick' stones.



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